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In a recent casual conversation one of our veteran Fuller trustees was making a point about two things that he considered to be relevant to the subject at hand. He started his sentence by emphasizing one of the items he was concerned about, and then went on to make his next point by using the word "but." He stopped, however, in mid-sentence. "I have to keep remembering something that David Hubbard taught us," he said. "When you are intending to emphasize two important things, try to connect them with 'and' rather than 'but.'"

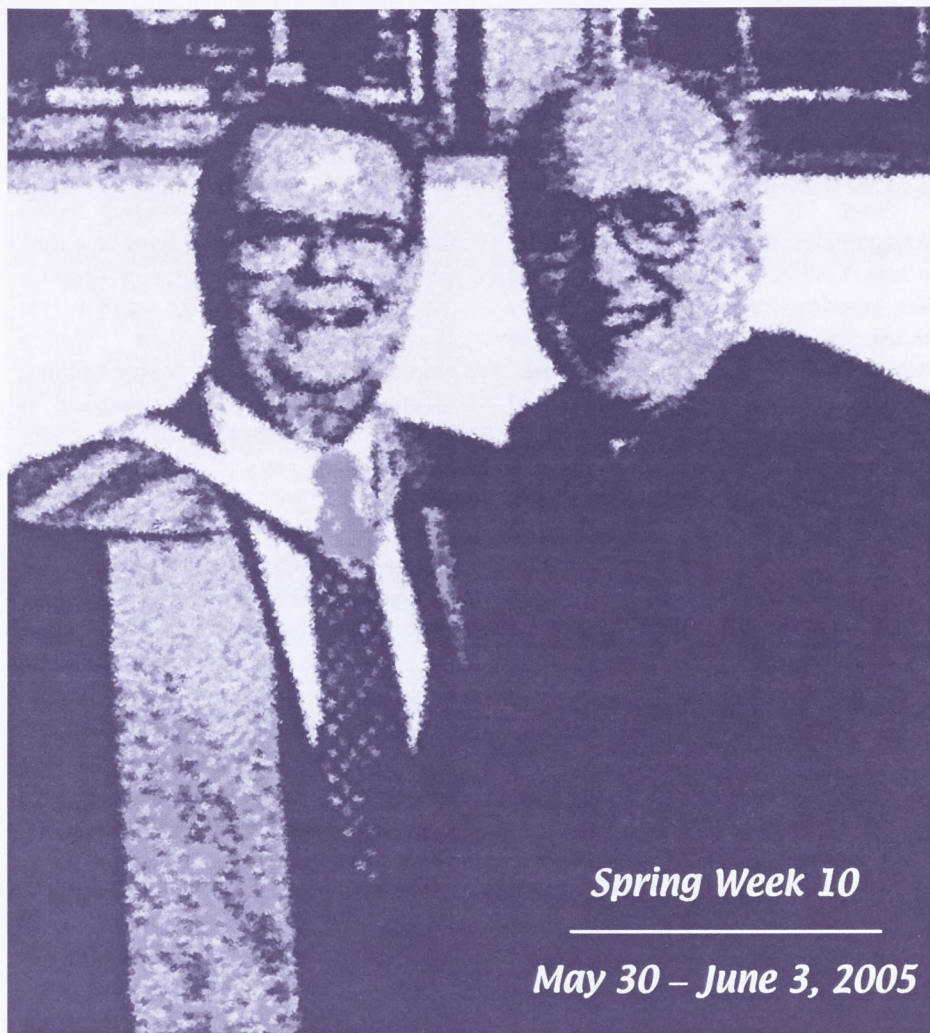
I was glad for the reminder, because I often find myself saying "but" when I should be saying "and." David Allan Hubbard—my distinguished predecessor in the Fuller presidency and a mentor who taught me many good lessons—wanted Fuller Seminary to posit smooth connections between things that evangelicals often see as being in tension, or even in direct conflict.

I remember his key examples. At Fuller he would say, we are both evangelical and ecumenical, we encourage learning and spirituality, and we promote evangelism and social action. When we use "but" instead of "and" in talking about the relationships between such items we run the risk of fragmenting what in God's mind is clearly integrated.

I caught myself violating Dr. Hubbard's counsel recently in a rather serious manner, although I did correct myself in time to save the situation. I was talking to someone who told me that she was aware of the fact that Fuller has a great reputation, but beyond that, she

## The Importance of "And"

By Dr. Richard J. Mouw



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Dr. Hubbard and Dr. Mouw at Dr. Mouw's Installation as President of Fuller.

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## Scary Exports

A Reflection by Ruth Vuong

*In a couple of my talks with Islamic scholars, I've found that what they fear most about America is nursing homes. They fear the export of the nursing home to Muslim societies. They find it astonishing and horrifying that we put old people away and hide them from the rest of the family, says New York Times reporter, Jeffrey Goldberg.*

Mr. Goldberg made his comment in a discussion on "Religion, Culture, and International Conflict After September 11." The discussion took place in 2002 between a group of journalists and Samuel Huntington of *Clash of Civilizations* fame.

When Mr. Goldberg brought up nursing homes, the group was discussing the fear Muslim societies have for three other American exports—our military, our movies, and McDonald's. None of the other journalists went near the "n-word." After Mr. Goldberg's "most feared export" comment, nursing homes weren't mentioned again.

The silence isn't surprising. It's hardly a news flash that most Americans are horrified by nursing homes, too—especially those Americans at greatest risk of placement in one. The rest of us are so horrified, we have difficulty even spending time with the people who live there.

This is not to take anything away from those among nursing home staff who serve with great dedication for little compensation. Nor is it to deny that sometimes the alternatives to nursing homes are even worse for some individuals. It certainly doesn't mean that family members who cannot care for their loved ones at home should be made to feel worse about an already agonizing choice. The Islamic scholars have, however, put their finger smack on one of the most obvious outcomes of a society that is wholly organized around profit, producing, and consuming.

Not long after Mr. Goldberg's comment, a letter addressed to the Dean of Seminary Students arrived in my Inbox. It had obviously been "fired off" by a frustrated interim pastor in a large denomination who had made the rounds of several churches and encountered the

same problem—neglect of the elderly and disabled by their pastors. "Please, please, please," he begged, "teach your future pastors that a significant part of their work is to minister to the sick, the aged, and the dying."

His request is rather an odd one to have to make to a group whose scriptures profess that "God's power is made perfect in weakness," and who worship a God who took on the form of human vulnerability, even unto death, proclaiming that whatever people do to the least among them, they do to God. Certainly one of the places God is found in America today is in nursing homes.

Our elders find themselves facing the final chapter of their lives at a time when evangelical churches in America are gaining such societal strength that *Business Week* calls them "earthly empires" whose pastors' "eager embrace of corporate-style growth strategies" is yielding a big-budget capacity to churn out a dazzling array of goods and services.<sup>1</sup>

Even smaller churches that have yet to gain this status yearn for it, signing on to franchise-like associations that promote growth by the niche-market ideal. It's possible that senior centers and nursing homes might become another "niche" in the evangelical empire if the revenue is sufficient and our humanity is seen as a matter of us all having our special place in some organizational marketing strategy.

A few weeks ago, I overheard a conversation between an elderly woman and her son. The woman was trying to decide whether to go to church. As she grew older, it became more of a project to get there, and she was depending on her son to take her. She told him that her church had just decided there should be a separate service for the elderly. "It's called the *Classic Service*," she said. "Like old cars?" her son asked.

She ignored him, saying she was glad they would sing hymns, but she would miss seeing the children, and the pastor wouldn't be there. "He'll preach to us on a T.V. screen," she said. "I feel guilty," she went on, "but I don't think

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## M's Editorial Notes

If you have ever been to Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, you will remember the spectacle known as the changing of the guard. As the guards transition into and out of duty, you can observe the sense of purpose, dedication, and integrity in the exchange of positions.

Working as the Ads Coordinator has afforded me the role of spectator as Quentin has shaped and molded the *SEMI*, its contributors, and its readers. I have been inspired by the level of dialogue and diversity that has appeared in this paper. As I transition into the role of editor, I pray I serve the *SEMI* and its audience with the same purpose, dedication and integrity.

-Michelle Harwell





ADAM GOSSMAN

## Ask Adam

### God: The Divine Match-Maker

Dear Adam:

I have a guy friend who is nice, smart, funny and attractive. If I were not taken I would be with this guy certainly. Why are other women not attracted to him?

Yours,  
Madame Curie

Dear Madame Curie:

Love is a curious thing. It constantly amazes me that anyone ever falls in love or finds anyone to love. There are those guys who remain single just as there are those women who remain untouched by the hands of true love.

Singleness is not something that should be lamented or rushed out of, for it teaches us the value of the solitary life and what it means to be a person. We learn how to be with other people by first being with ourselves.

Just as I wrote last week, simply because your friend is not attached romantically to another person does not mean that he will forever be single. I have multiple friends, who are like your friend. They are smart, funny and deeply beautiful people. This has taught me that there is more to life than finding romance and love with another person. It has taught me to find romance and love with the world. To seek

the beauty of this world and to suck all the marrow from life—this is what really matters.

My advice is this: do not rush to pair your friend up with any woman you find who might possibly think of dating him. He deserves more than that. Let him come to it in his time, and allow God to work in God's time. For match-making is as much a divine business as forming the mountains and building churches.

Yours,  
Adam

*If you have something you'd like to "Ask Adam" email him at: [ask\\_adam\\_at\\_fuller@yahoo.com](mailto:ask_adam_at_fuller@yahoo.com). Go ahead, write him; click, click.*

*Note: All advice should be taken with a grain of salt as Adam is not a professional counselor. Persons with serious conditions should seek professional attention. The SEMI does not endorse or condone the advice given here. But we do enjoy reading it.*

## After Glow of The Fuller Week of Prayer

*A Reflection by Raj Soi*

Earlier this quarter, Fuller Seminary was turned into a House of Prayer for all the Nations as students and faculty crossed denominational and generational lines to facilitate 6 days of 24 hour prayer on campus.

While the success of this event could stand on its own as a fragrant offering to God, I have witnessed the Holy Spirit continue to move in powerful ways. The dedicated prayer spaces, one of the reasons I chose to come to Fuller, are not as lonely when individuals visit them to spend time with God and prayer groups begin to form.

I do not doubt that many Fuller students had an active prayer life prior to the Week of Prayer, but we did not know one another. In one of the prayer meetings I attended, someone compared our group to burning coals; if we come apart, the fire dies out, but if we unify, we will feed off of each other's heat and others will begin to ignite.

The Week of Prayer helped to solidify my vocation. I feel called to fulfill Jesus'

prayer that His Church would be one as He is one with his Father. I believe prayer is a powerful tool that God will use to make this happen. My hope is that the after glow of the Fuller Week of Prayer will ignite our campus as like-minded believers come together to cry out for Christ's Kingdom to come.

If you would like to be apart of this vision, please email me at [Raja\\_Paul\\_Soi@cp.fuller.edu](mailto:Raja_Paul_Soi@cp.fuller.edu). Let us pray that God's Kingdom would come and His will would be done on Fuller Campus as it is in Heaven!



*Raj Soi (MDiv, SOT) has found that prayer and study are good for the student's soul.*

### Theological Education in a Multicultural Environment

The Joint Faculty Committee for Multicultural Concerns announces the Wabash Survey

Fuller's Pasadena students are asked to participate in a survey that evaluates how students from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds have experienced their education here.

Surveys are being handed out in class in the three languages used for teaching at Fuller: English, Korean, and Spanish. Surveys can be returned to the front desk in the School of Psychology or to the receptionist at the Hispanic Studies program by June 10.

If you missed the opportunity in class to participate, a table with the sign "Wabash Survey" will be set up in the Garth the week of June 6-10 from 10am-2pm. Drop by and fill out your survey there. As an incentive you get a **free pen** and an opportunity to win one of **50 Fuller bookstore gift certificates: 25-\$10 certificates and 25-\$20 certificates**. Winners selected randomly on June 13.

Let your voice be heard and help shape Fuller's multicultural learning environment.



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**David Allan Hubbard Achievement Awards**

School of Theology: **JOY DAIGLE**

School of Psychology: **DARYL SCHROCK**

School of Intercultural Studies: **KWANG KIL LEE**

**Fuller Women's Legacy Awards**

School of Theology: **JESSICA HANDY**

School of Psychology: **SUNITHA CHANDY**

School of Intercultural Studies: **BARBARA LUNDSTEN**

**Inez T. Smith Scholarship**

School of Intercultural Studies: **TABITHA SINGH**

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School of Theology: **JARED DANIEL HOLTON**

**REBECCA GLYNN MARSH**

School of Psychology: **ELIZABETH CHANG**

**JEANETTE LANTZ**

School of Intercultural Studies: **SUNG HO AHN**

**CHRISTOPHER AUGUSTIN VAZ**

**Robert and Julia Banks Residential Service Award**

**YOUNG SIL KIM**

**Student Award Convocation**  
**Congratulations to All Award Recipients**

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Dean's Award: **MARK AVERY**

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Alan R. Tippett Award: **CHRISTOPHER FLANDERS**

Anthropology Award: **EMMANUEL OBASARE**

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Jubilee Scholarship: **TERUNESH TEKLEHAIMANOT, JOSE  
WAMUTITU, RALUEKE UFODIKE**

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Theology Award: **ELIAS DANTAS**

Urban Mission Award: **MARCOS ALMEIDA**

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**Clinical Psychology Awards**

Angehr-Westbrook-McMillen

Memorial Scholarship: **RACHEL KEENER**

Arch Hart Scholarships: **ALLAN BROWN**

**ASHA RAGIN**

Carlsberg Family Scholarship: **JOY DEJONG**

Clare W. Headington

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**ELIZABETH VOGT**

Edith Munger Annual Scholarship: **CATHERINE GRAY**

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H. Newton and Suzanna

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Heavenly Treasure

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**DANIEL MARTINEZ**

Marriage and Family

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Dilworth International

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